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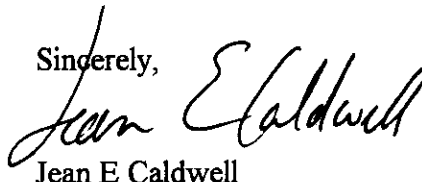
May 28, 1999

Mr. Thomas W. Ferns
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Dear MR. Ferns;

I would like to make the following comments on the Draft Hanford Remedial Action EIS. I strongly support the preferred alternative, with the following comment. I also strongly support the protection of the Wahluke Slope and other adjoining DOE property, with continued closure for all districts to mining, grazing and agriculture. I urge decision-makers to continue to protect this last area of shrub-steppe habitat and the wildlife it sustains. This opportunity will not come again. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jean E Caldwell".

Jean E Caldwell

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